

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-10-16

Issued at Dillingham, Alaska  
December 28, 2016

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m.  
December 30, 2016

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2017  
unless superseded by a subsequent  
emergency order

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the State of Alaska winter hunting season for moose in Game Management Unit 17A from December 30, 2016, to January 29, 2017. The bag limit for the Unit 17A winter season is two moose. Hunters are allowed to harvest one antlered bull moose with a RM575 registration permit (antlered bull permit) and/or one antlerless moose with a RM576 registration permit (antlerless permit). The antlerless season will close by emergency order when the harvest quota of 20 cow moose is reached, and the bull season will close by emergency order when a harvest quota of 20 bull moose is reached. Hunters who have already taken a moose in the fall may only harvest one additional moose during the winter hunt (either sex). Permits will be available only at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Dillingham and the Togiak Traditional Council office. This emergency order does not affect any other moose hunting regulations in Unit 17.

### REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(15), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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(15)		
Unit 17(A)		
Up to 2 moose per regulatory year, only as follows		

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only, or Aug.25 –Sept. 20 (Subsistence Hunt only)

1 antlered bull by registration permit; during the period Dec. 1–last day of Feb., a season of up to 31 days may be announced by emergency order **Dec. 30, 2016–Jan. 29, 2017** (Subsistence Hunt only)

1 antlerless moose by registration permit; during the period Dec. 1–last day of Feb., a season of up to 31 days may be announced by emergency order **Dec. 30, 2016–Jan. 29, 2017** (Subsistence Hunt only)

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All other moose regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Neil Barten  
Dillingham Area Wildlife Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Alaska Board of Game and Federal Subsistence Board authorized a winter moose hunting season of up to 31 days in Unit 17A with a bag limit of up to two moose. Winter travel conditions are slowly improving, and the hunt can now be offered with a reasonable opportunity for success. Aerial moose population surveys in Unit 17A, last conducted in March 2011, indicated at least 1,166 moose. High rates of moose calf production and survival observed since the survey indicate that the population can sustain additional harvest. October 2016 composition surveys estimated 60.9 bulls and 33.6 calves per 100 cows. The department will issue an emergency order to close the antlerless season when the harvest quota of 20 cow moose has been reached, and a separate emergency order when the harvest quota of 20 bull moose has been reached.

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